

[English]

**Promotion of Coconut cultivation in Kerala**

341. **SHRI RAMESH CHENNI-THALA:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have any proposal for the promotion and development of coconut cultivation in Kerala during 1991, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) Yes Sir.

(b) During 1991-92 the Government of India has sanctioned Rs 140 lakhs for implementation of Coconut Schemes in Kerala. The Coconut Development Board will be implementing the Schemes with the objective of production of quality planting material, expansion of area, improving productivity of coconut and establishment of a Coconut Development Centre for developing technology connected with processing/marketing of coconut. The following are the details of the schemes to be implemented during 1991-92: -

1. Production and distribution of 1,50,000 nos. of T X D hybrid seedlings;
2. Expansion of area under coconut in 1000 ha.
3. Integrated farming in coconut small holdings in Kerala for productivity improvement in an operation area of 10,000 ha;
4. Providing assistance for irrigation facilities to coconut growers;
5. Establishment of a demonstration-cum-seed production farm in an area of 50 acres;

6. Establishment of a Coconut Technology Development Centre for improving the post-harvest processing and marketing of coconut.

**Commissioning of Transmitter by Voice of America in Sri Lanka**

342. **SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the voice of America is commissioning a high power transmitter in Sri Lanka very close to India;

(b) if so, whether the Government have lodged any protest with either the US or Sri Lanka;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Sri Lanka in order to ensure that such facilities are used for public broadcast only.

**Proposal for a Steel Plant in Orissa**

343. **SHRI LOKANATH CHAUDHURY:** Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any proposal for a second steel plant to be set up in the state with private collaboration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV):** (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd., a State Government undertaking of the Government of Orissa, has submitted an application for a Letter of Intent for setting up of a 3 million tonnes per annum steel plant at Sukinda Tehsil, Distt. Cuttack, Orissa in the Joint Sector. The proposal is under examination.

#### **Construction of Fishing Harbours in Orissa**

**344. SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa have submitted a number of proposals for the construction of fishing harbours along the Orissa Coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of proposals cleared so far?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN):** (a) The State Government of Orissa submitted project proposals for fishery harbours at Nuagarh and Gopalpur.

(b) The estimated cost of Nuagarh and Gopalpur fishery harbours is Rs. 313.22 lakh and Rs. 672.40 lakh respectively. Designed capacity of these harbours is 140 and 120 mechanised fishing vessels respectively.

(c) Both the projects have been cleared.

#### **Reduction in Prices of Postal Charges**

**345. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES:** Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal under consideration to

reduce the prices of post cards, inland letters and postal envelopes to the level which existed in July, 1990;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):** (a) to (c) Tariff revision of various postal services is generally a part of the overall budgetary exercise of the Government. As such it is not possible to give any indications in this regard at this stage.

[Translation]

#### **Future Set-up of Delhi**

**346. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sarkaria Commission was constituted by the Union Government in December, 1987;

(b) when the report of the Sarkaria Commission was received by the Union Government;

(c) whether the issue of the future set-up of Delhi is being considered on the basis of the recommendations of the Commission; and

(d) if so, the details of the likely future set-up of Delhi and the time by which this new set-up is likely to be adopted?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB):** (a) and (b) A Committee on Reorganisation of administrative set-up in the Union territory of Delhi was appointed on 24-12-1987 under the chairmanship of Justice R. S. Sarkaria. The Committee submitted its report on 14-12-1989.